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1. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ON CONTINUING BASIS ANY REACTION TO TAD SZULC ARTICLE "A NEW BEGINNING FOR PORTUGAL" WHICH APPEARED IN WASHINGTON POST MAY 2 (INCLUDED IN AF PRESS CLIPS, MAY 7, P. 3), DANA SCHMIDT ARTICLE "MILITARY CHIEFS OF U.S., SOUTH AFRICA CONFER QUIETLY," CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, MAY 10, AND DAVID OTTAWAY ARTICLE "SOUTH AFRICA SEEKS U.S. SUPPORT THROUGH 'BACK DOOR' ", WASHINGTON POST, MAY 12 (LATTER TWO ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED IN AF PRESS CLIPS, MAY 14), OR OTHER REPORTS AND COMMENTS ABOUT "PRIVATE" VISIT TO U.S. (MAY 5-12) OF SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE COMMANDANT, ADMIRAL HUGO H. BIERMANN, AND ALLEGATIONS THAT U.S. (THROUGH NATO OR BILATERALLY) IS DRAWING UP CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR AIR AND NAVAL DEFENSE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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